

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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OIL PRESERVES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large quantity of Oil & Gas reserves have been found in Western Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are considering to establish Petro-Chemical Industry or Oil Refinery in Rajasthan;
- (c) if not, whether the Government are considering transporting crude oil to Marhura Refinery or Kapurthala Refinery in Punjab;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have appointed an expert Committee to finalise Petro-Chemical projects to be included in Ninth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (c): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) have established a total of 11.73 Billion Cubic Metre c in-place volume of natural gas in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan. Natural Gas at the rate of 0.463 Million Metric Cubic Metre per day is being supplied to the Rajasthan State Electricity Board. OIL has established presence of heavy oil in Baghewala oilfield in Rajasthan. Oil has also been discovered by a private operator in Gudamalani in Barmer district of Rajasthan. Original oil in-place estimated by the operator is about 0.19 million tonnes. The commercial viability of these oil discoveries has not yet been established. As such, transportation of crude oil from these fields is not envisaged at present.

(b), (d) and (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.